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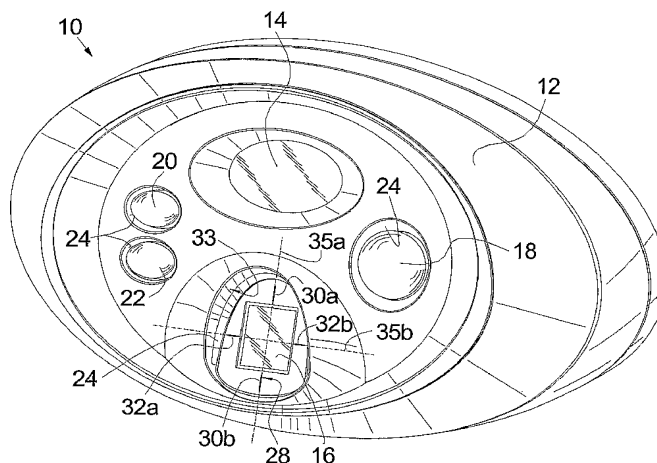
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(54) **Title:** BIOMETRIC SAFE LOCK



(57) **Abstract:** A lock interface for a biometric lock is provided. The lock interface includes a body, a biometric sensor, and a biometric alignment feature. The biometric sensor is mounted to the body for reading a unique identifying characteristic of an individual. The alignment feature is associated with the sensor to assist a user in properly positioning the unique identifying characteristic with respect to the sensor. The present invention also includes a method for unlocking a safe using a biometric lock. The method comprises initiating the biometric lock by contacting the lock interface, recognizing a visual cue that indicates that a unique identifying characteristic is to be entered using the sensor, and entering the unique identifying characteristic feature using the sensor. The entered unique identifying characteristic is compared with a stored unique identifying characteristic, and the safe is unlocked if the unique identifying characteristic matches the stored unique identifying characteristic.

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